

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Pilgrims brought to this country the custom of setting aside each year a day of prayer and thanksgiving. This custom has been perpetuated by the American people and today, as on that first Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks for our many blessings, and

WHEREAS, George Washington in that presidential proclamation in 1789, did appeal to "the great Lord and ruler of nations to render our national government a blessing to all the people," and "we may then unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of our people of this country and for the single and manifold mercies and favorable interpositions of His providence," and

WHEREAS, in giving thanks for the favors of the year about to close we desire to extend our thanksgiving to the Almighty that this country has not become involved in a foreign war, that the freedom of religion and education still prevails in this land of ours and that all the people have an equal voice in government, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCHIE GUBBRUD, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in keeping with the unbroken tradition of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November, 1963, to be

THANKSGIVING DAY

in South Dakota, to be devoted by the people of the State of South Dakota, to the service of that Great and Almighty God who is the beneficent author of all of the many blessings that have been, that are, and that shall be.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of South Dakota to be affixed this 7 day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-three.

ATTEST:

Essie Wedeman
SECRETARY OF STATE

Archie Gubbrud
ARCHIE GUBBRUD, GOVERNOR

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